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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

- 3. The drawing, filed 8/05/03, has been found acceptable.
- 2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
- 3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Patrick Skacel on 11/20/03.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

4. On page 22, the Abstract has been changed to --The invention relates to a fusion protein having epitopes of at least two of the autoantigens glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD65), islet cell antigen (IA2) and preproinsulin (PPINS) wherein said epitopes are connected with a linker peptide. The fusion protein must be able to bind to a solid phase. The invention also concerns the cDNA, and a vector and cell comprising said cDNA. Furthermore, this invention relates to the use of said fusion protein in an immunoassay for the simultaneous detection of autoantibodies related to insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 5. Claim 3, has been changed to --3. (Previously amended) The fusion protein according to claim 2 wherein the epitope of IA2 comprises amino acids 771-979 of SEQ ID NO:5, the epitope of GAD65 comprises amino acids 102-585 of SEQ ID NO:6, and the epitope of PPINS comprises amino acids 1-110 of SEQ ID NO:7.--.
- 6. Claim 5, has been changed to --5. (Currently Amended) The fusion protein according to claim 1, wherein said linker peptide is provided with a member of an affinity binding pair.--.
- 7. Claim 23, has been changed to --23. (Currently amended) The fusion protein of claim 1 wherein said linker peptide is labeled with a member of an affinity binding pair.--.
- 8. Claim 27, has been changed to --27. (Currently amended) The fusion protein of claim 18 wherein said linker peptide is labeled with a member of an affinity binding pair.--.
- 9. In Claim 10, "encompassing" has been changed to --comprising-

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Gerald Ewoldt whose telephone number is (703) 308-9805. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on (703) 308-3973. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center 1600 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

G.R. Ewoldt, Ph.D. Primary Examiner Technology Center 1600 November 24, 2003

G.R. EWOLDT, PH.D. PRIMARY EXAMINER